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SUBJECT: ZOUERATE ATTACK

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1. ALGERIANS THUS FAR TREATING ZOUERATE ATTACK GINGERLY.

2. MAY 2 PRESS REPORTS ON ATTACK CARRIED ON FRONT PAGE BUT NOT HIGHLIGHTED. REPORTS LIMITED TO INDIGNANT DENIAL OF ALLEGED PARTICIPATION OF "ALGERIAN MERCENARIES" AND TO LENGTHY QUOTATIONS FROM AFP REPORT.

3. AFP REPORT, WHICH WE HAVE NOT SEEN IN FBIS, QUOTED POLISARIO SPOKESMAN AT LENGTH ON THEME THAT ATAR AND ZOUERATE ARE FRENCH AND MOROCCAN MILITARY BASES: QUOTE: MAURITANIAN TERRITORY HAS BEEN CEDED BY MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT TO MOROCCO
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AND HAS THUS BECOME MOROCCAN MILITARY BASE. UNQUOTE.

4. IN COMMENTING ON DEATH OF TWO FRENCH CITIZENS AND ON EVACUATION OF OTHERS, PRESS REPORTS 2 MAY AND 3 MAY REITERATED POLISARIO EMPHASIS THAT POLISARIO HAS WARNED THE WORLD SEVERAL TIMES THAT TERRITORY OF SAHARA, SOUTH MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA

ARE "WAR ZONES" AND THAT FOREIGN COUNTRIES SHOULD
NOT ALLOW THEIR CITIZENS TO ENTER.

5. COMMENT: FAILURE OF ALGERIANS TO HIGHLIGHT
APPARENT SUCCESSFUL POLISARIO MILITARY ATTACK SUGGESTS
ALGERIAN SENSITIVITY TO POTENTIAL FRENCH REACTION.LYNE

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